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IDAHO MASTERY EDUCATION NETWORK APPLICATION WINDOW CLOSES, 19 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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(BOISE) – Superintendent Sherri Ybarra announced today that with the Mastery-Based Education application window closing on March 11, 2016, the Idaho State Department of Education was in receipt of 19 applications from schools and districts seeking to implement a Mastery-Based Education system within their school or district.

“This is an exciting time in education, and a time where we will begin to see innovative ideas and programs across the state,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “Our review team will look at the 19 applicants over the next several weeks to determine how we move forward—those schools and districts that are selected will begin to pave the way for Mastery-Based Education in Idaho.”

The next step in the process is a review of the received applications, which will be conducted by the Idaho Mastery Education Network (IMEN) review team, directed by Kelly Brady, the Idaho State Department of Education’s Mastery-Based Education Director. The review team is as follows:

- Howard Gauthier, ISU
- Frank Robinson, Idaho Education Association
- Dale Kleiner, AdvancED
- Katie Wilczak, Stanford University
- Marybeth Flachbart, ED Northwest
- Melyssa Ferro, Idaho Teacher of the Year
- Penny Tenuto, University of Idaho
- Marita Diffenbaugh, Idaho Digital Learning Academy
- Jesse Moyer, Knowledge Works
- Kelly Cross, Boise State University
- Matt Williams, Knowledge Works
- Carrie Schneider, Getting Smart
- Dave Wheat, Retired Public School Admin
- Eric Studebaker, College of Western Idaho
- Mary Gardiner, University of Idaho
- Chris Sturgis, Competency Works
- Julie Fisher, Christensen Institute
- Bethani Studebaker, Northwest Nazarene University
- Sherawn Reberry, Idaho Digital Learning Academy
- Debra Yates, The College of Idaho
- John Branam, The Learning Accelerator
- Alissa Peltzman, Achieve
- Duane Dicky, Idaho Supreme Court
- Rod Gramer, Idaho Business for Education

Accepted applications will be announced on April 22, 2016. Questions regarding the application process may be directed to Jeff Church at (208) 332-6934 or by email at jchurch@sde.idaho.gov. Additional information about the Idaho Mastery Education Network may be found [here](#).

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